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ATTN: MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

Brandt, Kevin S.
Gaines, Patrick J.
Stinchcomb, Dan T.
Wisnewski, Nancy

Serial No.: 10/621,901

Filed: July 16, 2003

Atty. File No.: FC-8-C3

For: "FLEA HEAD, NERVE CORD,
HINDGUT AND MALPIGHIAN
TUBULE NUCLEIC ACID
MOLECULES, PROTEINS AND
USES THEREOF"

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) of one (1) month to respond to the Office Action (Restriction) with a mailing date of October 20, 2004, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from November 20, 2004 to December 20, 2004.

Applicants claim small entity and authorize the one-month extension fee of \$55 to be charged to Deposit Account 081930. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 081930.

Respectfully submitted,

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